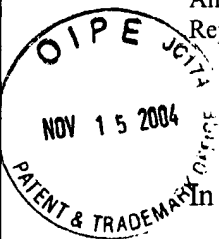


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In response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2004, please amend the instant application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 7 of this paper.